



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 722**

January 23, 1996 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND UTILITIES.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 15.107 (16) and 16.08; and **to create** 15.107 (16) and 16.08 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** creating an environmental science council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.107 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

4 15.107 (16) ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COUNCIL. There is created in the
5 department of administration an environmental science council. The council shall
6 consist of 9 members who are nonpartisan and who have demonstrated expertise in
7 at least one of the following: the engineering sciences, economic sciences, biological
8 sciences, physical sciences, human medical sciences or statistical or risk assessment
9 sciences. The governor shall designate one member as chairperson and one member
10 as vice chairperson. The members shall be nominated by the governor, and with the
11 advice and consent of the senate appointed, for 3-year terms.

12 **SECTION 2.** 15.107 (16) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act (this
13 act), is repealed.

14 **SECTION 3.** 16.08 of the statutes is created to read:

1 **16.08 Environmental science council. (1)** In this section, “agency” means
2 any office, department, agency, institution of higher education, association, society
3 or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the
4 constitution or any law which is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law,
5 including the legislature and the courts, and any authority created under ch. 231 or
6 234.

7 **(2)** At the request of the governor, the environmental science council shall do
8 any of the following:

9 (a) Advise on issues affecting the protection and management of the
10 environment and natural resources in this state.

11 (b) Evaluate proposed rules that establish environmental or natural resources
12 standards or other criteria.

13 (c) Review the scientific and technical adequacy of environmental programs,
14 guidelines, methodologies, protocols and tests.

15 (d) Recommend any scientific standard or other criteria for protection of human
16 health and the environment that the council determines is appropriate.

17 (e) Review new information needs, the adequacy of data collection and analysis
18 and the quality of agency environmental plans or programs of research, development
19 and demonstration.

20 (f) Assess the importance of natural and anthropogenic sources of pollution.

21 (g) Perform any other advisory duty requested by the governor.

22 **(3)** On its own initiative or at the request of any agency, the council may
23 perform any duty under sub. (2).

24 **(4)** In performing its duties under sub. (2), the council shall be strictly
25 nonpartisan, shall consult and work closely with agencies, shall use sound, objective

1 and scientific reasoning, shall assess the relative risk to human health and the
2 environment and shall consider economic consequences.

3 (5) The council may create any committee necessary to carry out the council's
4 duties under sub. (2). If the council creates a committee under this subsection, the
5 council shall appoint members to the committee who have the scientific and technical
6 expertise to carry out the purpose of the committee. The council may appoint council
7 members and citizens to a committee, but the council shall appoint one council
8 member to serve as chairperson of each committee created under this subsection. If
9 the council appoints citizens to a committee, the council shall appoint citizens who
10 have the scientific and technical expertise to carry out the purpose of the committee.

11 (6) All agencies shall fully cooperate with and assist the council and any
12 committee created by the council under sub. (5).

13 **SECTION 4.** 16.08 of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act (this act),
14 is repealed.

15 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

16 (1) INITIAL TERMS OF MEMBERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COUNCIL.
17 Notwithstanding the length of terms of the members of the environmental science
18 council specified under section 15.107 (16) of the statutes, as created by this act, 3
19 members initially appointed to the council shall be appointed for a term expiring on
20 July 1, 1997, 3 members initially appointed to the council shall be appointed for a
21 term expiring on July 1, 1998, and 3 members initially appointed to the council shall
22 be appointed for a term expiring on July 1, 1999.

23 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
24 except as follows:

